

3. AGENCY ACTIONS

The Federal actions are:

1. The approval of revisions to the ALP for construction and operation of proposed Runway 12W/30W and associated improvements, listed in full in Section 3.4.3 of the FEIS;
2. The Federal environmental approval necessary to proceed with processing of an application for Federal funding for those development items qualifying under the former Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended and recodified at *49 U.S.C. 47101 et seq.*; and
3. The approval of associated safety actions.

The City of St. Louis may also submit an amendment to its passenger facility charge (PFC) application to the FAA in order to use such PFC revenues for eligible portions of the proposed project. Although future projects other than Runway 12W/30W are depicted on the ALP, the City of St. Louis is requesting final environmental approval only for the runway and associated projects assessed as part of Phase I through the year 2000 and Phase II (2002-2015) in the FEIS. It is recognized that other projects may require additional environmental analysis when ripe for decision at a later date and will only be conditionally approved by the FAA on the ALP at this time.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), a cooperating agency for the FEIS, will be responsible for permitting processes under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. In addition, the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and the U.S. Navy (Navy) will be preparing separate RODs, when appropriate, for the relocation of their facilities. The necessary approval actions required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are included in Section 8, Cooperating Agencies, of this ROD.

The necessary FAA determinations and approvals are summarized below:

a. Determination of project eligibility for Federal grant-in-aid funds (*49 U.S.C. Section 47101, et. seq.*) and PFC funds (*49 U.S.C. Section 40117*), for land acquisition and relocation (49 CFR Part 24), site preparation, runway, taxiway, runway safety area, and other airfield construction, terminal and related landside development, navigational and landing aids, roadway improvements and environmental mitigation.

b. Determination regarding air quality conformance of the proposed facility with applicable air quality standards under the Clean Air Act, as amended (*42 U.S.C.*

Section 7506, Section 176 (c) (1), and 40 CFR Part 93). (The FAA issued a Final General Conformity Determination and published a notice in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on June 29, 1998.)

c. Approvals for establishment of new instrument landing systems (ILS) and associated approach lighting systems and navigational aids, including use of a PRM, as appropriate, for the new runway, the existing runways, and the airport as a whole (*49 U.S.C. Section 44502 (a) (1)*).

d. Decisions to develop air traffic control and airspace management procedures to effect the safe and efficient movement of air traffic to and from the proposed new runway. This includes the development of a system for the routing of arriving and departing traffic and the design, establishment, and publication of standardized flight operating procedures, including instrument approach procedures and standard instrument departure procedures (*49 U.S.C. Section 40103 (b)*).

e. Determinations, through the aeronautical study process, under 14 CFR Part 77, regarding obstructions to navigable airspace (*49 U.S.C. Section 40103 (b) and 40113*).

f. Determinations under 14 CFR Part 157 as to whether the FAA objects to the airport development proposal from an airspace perspective, based upon aeronautical studies (*49 U.S.C. Section 40113 (a)*).

g. Determinations under the *49 U.S.C. Sections 47106 and 47107* pertaining to FAA funding of airport development (including approval of a revised ALP, *49 U.S.C. Section 47107 (a) (16)*), environmental approval (*42 U.S.C. Sections 4321-4347*, and *40 CFR Section 1500-1508*), and approvals under various executive orders discussed in the ROD.

h. A certification that the proposed facility is reasonably necessary for use in air commerce or for the national defense (*49 U.S.C. Section 44502 (b)*).

i. FAA review and approval of amended Airport Certification Manual (14 CFR Part 139).

j. FAA determination that there would be no undue burden (unusual circumstances) barring the sponsor from obtaining a Section 404 permit for the filling of wetlands.

k. FAA determination that there would be no undue burden (unusual circumstances) barring the sponsor from obtaining a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for stormwater and wastewater discharges.